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New York and Pennsylvania.

This news note appeared in yesterday's Star:

President Wilson has no intention of interfering in factional differences between democrats in New York and Pennsylvania. He told callers today that he thought the people of each state were able to look after their own affairs.

An excellent resolution. But can the President keep it? Probably not.

The Pennsylvania problem is not especially difficult. Normally republican on an issue—the tariff—which is very prominent again, the Keystone state holds out no hope to the democracy for next year. All the patronage left in the President's sack could not be invested there to advantage. With the withdrawal of Mr. Palmer from politics, the democratic party of the commonwealth is left leaderless.

But New York, as always, presents a problem which can neither be ignored nor easily handled. It is likewise of the greatest importance to the President. He must carry the state next year in order to be re-elected.

Another point is that he and his friends are charged with responsibility for the larger part of the party's embarrassments there. Where the organization has not been neglected, it has been openly warred upon. Factionism has been promoted and intensified by the distribution of patronage and the severe denunciations of Tammany.

For these reasons, the President, most decidedly, has New York on his hands, and must minister to his party's local woes. And he will be dealing with expert politicians and professional troublemakers. The outsider who ventures into New York finds himself in a lion's den, as the White House record abundantly shows. Hayes, Garfield, Harrison and Taft all found the state a hard road to travel.

Mr. Wilson's embarrassments are the heavier because of his domination of his party. In New York, as elsewhere, he is the party. Disputes are put up to him for settlement. His praise for everything that goes right, his blame for everything that goes wrong.

Try as he may, therefore, the President cannot escape New York. It is not a question of keeping out. He is already in. The question relates to his future steps in the state. His party is divided, and he is expected to play the role of the unifier. If he cannot play it, the state is lost to him. If he can, the study of the role should begin at once. Pennsylvania need not occupy him. It is "the enemy's country." But New York is still reckoned as debatable ground, and Mr. Wilson stands very much in need of it.

Fund-Raising Campaign.

The Young Women's Christian Association is in the field for funds, and teams of willing, energetic and persuasive workers are searching out the citizens who in a practical way are friendly to the cause for which these workers stand and walk. The association hopes to raise \$7,500 in six days, and, according to the general secretary, the sum needed "has been divided into several parcels, termed 'service dividends,' which officials of the association hope the citizens of Washington will take up in return for the social service which the association each year gives for Washington." There is no doubt that the Y. W. C. A. needs the money; there is no doubt that the objects for which the money is sought are worthy, and there is little doubt that Washingtonians, taxed as they have been by perhaps unprecedented calls upon their charity and their purses, will give the Young Women's Christian Association what it asks.

The most elaborate military maneuvers have developed no advantage to be gained from darddevil skill in executing loops and perpendicular drops.

It requires a vast amount of fighting and diplomacy to get international law into shape to serve as the basis for reliable and conclusive decisions.

Estimates and Appropriations.

Mr. Fitzgerald's recent dilemma was painful. He could neither deny the appropriation figures of the Sixty-third Congress, nor defend them. They stared him in the face, as also the fact that while they were being gilded up he had repeatedly protested from his place in the House, and warned his party against its course. At the close of the Congress he must speak. Custom required it. The criticism of the other side could not be permitted to go unnoticed. So he

made the best, if it was very little, of a bad bargain. He could do no other with the material in hand.

A few general propositions may be conceded. A budget would be a good thing. Economy would be a good thing. One committee, composed of men carefully selected and confined to the one assignment, would probably handle appropriations more successfully than is done under the system of dividing the bills among a number of committees. The country wants neither waste nor cheese-paring, but an intelligent and generous recognition of its needs. In a word, it wants the government supported in a way commensurate with its size and the requirements of its times.

In the current discussion emphasis is laid on the fact that, large as the appropriations were, the estimates submitted to Congress were even larger. Congress did apply the pruning knife, though not to the extent the extreme economists desired.

It should also be noted that those estimates were prepared by experts—men familiar with their subjects, and charged with the duty of reporting on them to the proper authorities. The figures were not cooked up under "pork" influences for "pork" purposes.

In the last analysis, the question relates to the size and obligations of the country. We speak of big navy men and of little navy men. As appropriately may we speak of big country men and little country men. Men who want the navy of adequate size and adequately supported consider what is necessary in that line to such a country as America at this time of day. So we must consider when talking about a budget and economy how much money is required to keep the wheels turning to the proper advantage in all the departments of this government.

"This," said Thomas B. Reed, "is a billion-dollar country." It is, and growing billion and billion all the time. No waste, but at the same time no skimping. Skimping a giant is not economy, but the reverse.

Willow Tree Alley.

The transformation of Willow Tree alley and abutting grounds into a recreation center, where health and morals are promoted instead of disease and vice, must cause many persons to ponder on what wonders may be wrought in a neighborhood when the spirit is willing and the purse is able. As to the value of such an investment it would seem that there could be no denial. The neighborhood in question was one of the sore spots of the capital. It was densely populated, and as often, if not usual with such places, the population held a large element that was vicious, violent, drunken and otherwise immoral. The neighborhood had an unsavory record in police annals. That was bad enough, but the dwellers in this insanitary and polluted environment rubbed elbows in the streets with people whose surroundings were clean and wholesome. Many people of that neighborhood went among the homes of the city as cooks, waiters and waitresses, nurse girls, housemaids and the like. Some of them lived in the Willow Tree neighborhood not because of viciousness, but because it was cheap and because it was their habit to live there.

Where they have gone may not be known, but the probability is that they have moved to neighborhoods very like Willow Tree alley was. They have gone into other congested, cheap and very poor quarters. Because of being driven out of Willow Tree alley they have not moved into marble palaces on Dupont or Sheridan circle. It is clear that slum dwellers cannot be ousted from one slum without going into or making another slum unless proper provision is made for them. They cannot be forced to live in quarters for which they cannot pay. If alley dwellers are to be forced from the only homes they know, other homes and better homes should be provided for them at rates within their means.

Straw Bread.

The straw bread reported under a Berlin date line calls for the addition of salt. It is reported on the authority of a prominent German newspaper that the straw bread has the flavor of the finest rye bread and that it is remarkably rich in nutritious elements. It is set forth as being a wonderful German invention, and by the outer world may be considered a German invention in a sense not contemplated by the author of the report. In all the ages through which the world has passed nobody has ever found that either wheat or rye straw was rich in nutritious elements. If it has now been found that men or live stock can be successfully fed on straw one of the great discoveries of all time has been made.

The Sultan of Turkey does not read newspapers. Reliable information cannot possibly please him and he is in no mood to enjoy the comic sections.

As another evidence of prosperity Philadelphia announces definite contracts for 1,400 new homes this spring.

Spring and the Garden.

Astronomical spring is here, but the spring that makes the sap rise, the buds swell and the flowers bloom comes on with deliberate, if not, indeed, with hesitating, step. But the signs of its approach are many. March, so fickle and variable that one is almost inclined to apply to it the ugly epithet "treacherous," draws toward its end, and sunny, showery April, capricious but gay, draws near. It may be that at this hopeful season young men's fancy, as well as other young folks' fancy, turns to

thoughts of love, but the day dreams of thousands of other Washingtonians—and millions of other people throughout the land—turn to spades, hoes and rakes, garden seeds, lawn grass, roses, pansies, nasturtiums, sweet peas, green peas, cabbage, cauliflower, lettuce and spring onions. Just as the warm stove league, playing its games in the back room, has been dividing up the base ball honors and handing out the pennant for this season, many other equally earnest men have been thumbing the seed catalogue and devouring vegetables in pictorial form—beets and beans, redder and larger, greener and longer than any that ever grew outside the catalogue or the sprightly fancy of an amateur gardener.

Garden anticipations are uplifting to the spirit, the smell of new-turned earth is tonic, and the work of turning it builds muscle and promotes appetite. And the taste of those vegetables out of one's own garden is more delicious than that of the same kind of vegetables raised in any other garden, and, besides, they are more nutritious. The fact that these vegetables may have cost more to produce than to buy and that their market value may be less than the same kind of vegetables grown by other people does not affect the case. So on with the happy gardening! Spring is near!

The demand for Englishwomen to take up the work that men must abandon in order to go into the field affords non-militant opportunities for the superabundant energies of Mrs. Pankhurst.

Regard for the sentiments of youth has not caused Secretary Daniels to withdraw his objection to that song about "Tipperary" and "the sweetest girl I know."

The Piute Indians consented to abandon the war path and hit the sawdust trail without waiting for persuasions by Billy Sunday.

Recent advices from the Navy Department are to the effect that love-sickness is to be guarded against, as well as seasickness.

It is not stated that the object in trying to get Harry Thaw back to Matteawan is to enable him to make a fresh start.

The history of Austria has largely been made up of opportunities to show the world that it is a good loser.

Wall street is referred to as "pessimistic." In finance the bears must have their day. Life cannot be all bull.

Treasury deficits always bring forward some statesman who is also an expert in the higher mathematics.

Mexico is respectfully reminded that a time may come when patience ceases to be a virtue.

It will not simplify matters if Russia decides to rename the town "Przemyslograd."

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

The Consistent Cynic.

"I am looking," remarked Diogenes, "for an honest man."
"And what will you do when you find him?"
"I dunno. I'll probably have to lend him money."

True Spellbinding.

"What is your idea of real political greatness?"
"Well," replied Senator Sorghum, "these days a man doesn't seem to be considered a really great politician until he can keep a crowd interested without saying a word about politics."

The Paternal Celebration.

When Easter comes again we will behold a grand display. Of feminine apparel in a wonderful array. While father thinks of New Year, tenderly and with regrets. Some nice new resolutions are the best he ever gets.

Not to Be Desired.

"How artificial we have grown since the good old days."
"Maybe," replied Mr. Growcher. "But no argument is going to get me longing very seriously for the good old days when the women used to come down to breakfast with their hair in curl papers."

Going Too Far.

"There is no way of conquering the overbearing and dictatorial attitude of a man," remarked the determined-looking woman.

"I thought your husband favored your ideas in most matters."
"He is a tyrant at heart. I asked him whether he thought women should be permitted to vote and he said he thought they should be compelled to do so."

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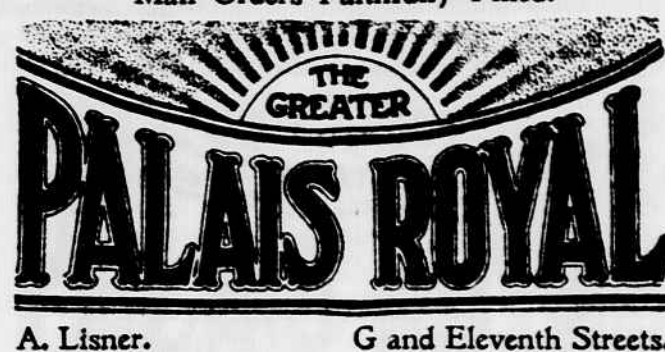
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